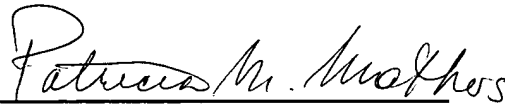


Remarks:

1. Paragraphs [0036] and [0053] were deleted, as they referred to Figure 6A, which was not included in the application as filed. Paragraph [0055] was amended to describe the piston ring seals as shown in FIG. 9 as filed with the application.
2. No new subject matter has been introduced with the Preliminary Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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